

## **ACRONYM LIST**

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The following list of acronyms was compiled by GACEC members and staff to assist members and visitors in developing a better understanding of discussions at GACEC meetings. We apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving out any relevant terms or agencies. Please feel free to submit suggestions to the GACEC office.

AAB	Architectural Accessibility Board
AAR	Adult Abuse Registry
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury
AC	Augmentative Communication
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AFP	Alliance for Full Participation
AI	Autistic Impaired
AI DuPont	A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital
AIDS	Applied Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AL	Assisted Living
ALS	Adult Life Skills
AMSES	Administrative Manual of Special Education Services
ANCDRP	Abuse/Neglect Child Death Review Panel
APR	Annual Performance Report
APS	Adult Protective Services (Division of Aging)
ARC/DE	Association for the Rights of Citizens with Mental Retardation/Delaware
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children/DE Chapter
ASD	Autism Society of Delaware
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AU	Autism
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress (NCLB)
BD	Behavior Disorder
BEH	Behaviorally/Emotionally Handicapped
BH	Behaviorally Handicapped
BIE	Business, Industry and Education Alliance
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAS	Comprehensive Assessment System
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CCMS	Comprehensive Compliance Monitoring System (Education)
CDNDSB	Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission & Work Group
CDS	Center for Disabilities Studies

CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CERTS	Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success
CCCD	Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities
CCCP	Community Continuum of Care Program
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
ChADD	Children with Attention Deficit Disorder (national, county groups in DE)
CHINS	Children in Need of Services
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CIS	Child Indicators Subgroup
CLASI	Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
CM	Case Manager
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CODHHE	Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality
COPM	Coordinator of Planning and Monitoring
COWG	Child Outcomes Work Group
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPS	Child Protective Services
CQSE	Center for Quality Special Education
CSCRP	Children's Services Cost Recovery Project
CSPD	Comprehensive System for Personnel Development (Education)
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training
CSHCN	Children with Special Healthcare Needs
CST	Child Study Team
CTQ	The National Center for Improving Teacher Quality or Delaware's Collaborative for Teacher Quality
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
DAAD	Diploma-At-A-Distance
DAAP	Delaware Alternate Assessment Program
DADB	Delaware Association for Deaf/Blind
DACCVE	Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Vocational Education
DAPA	Delaware Alternate Portfolio Assessment
DART	Delaware Authority Rapid Transit (formerly DAST)
DATI	Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative
DIDER	Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research
DSDS	Delaware State Dental Society
DSIP	Delaware State Implementation Project On Preventing Secondary Conditions and Promoting Health For People With Disabilities (formerly Healthy Delawareans 2010)
DB	Deaf/Blind
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DCMHS	Division of Child Mental Health Services
DCPS	Division of Child Protective Services
DD	Developmental Disability
DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
DDDS	Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (formerly DMR)
DELARF	Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
DESS	Delaware Education Support System
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services, U.S.

DHMIC	Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Services
DLP	Disabilities Law Program
DLTCRP	Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection
DMMA	Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance
DMR	Division of Mental Retardation (Changed to DDDS)
DMS IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Retardation (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition Revised)
DNG	Did Not Go (policy Paratransit language)
DNREC	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	Department of Labor
DPAP	Delaware Prescription Assistance Program
DPC	Delaware Psychiatric Center
DPH	Division of Public Health
DPI	Delaware Passport to Independence
DPS	Data and Programming Subgroup
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act
D-RTI	DOE Response to Intervention Taskforce
DREDF	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
DSAAPD	Division of Services to Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DHSS)
DSAMH	Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DHSS)
DSBA	Delaware School Boards Association
DSCYF	Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families
DSEA	Delaware State Education Association
DSPAC	Delaware State Parent Advisory Committee
DSTP	Delaware Student Testing Program
DTC	Delaware Transit Corporation
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DVI	Division for the Visually Impaired (DHSS)
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DOL)
DYRS	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Early CHOICES	Children Having Opportunities in the Continuum of Educational Services in early intervention programs
E/BD	Emotional/Behavioral Disorder
ECAP	Early Childhood Assistance Program
ECT	Exceptional Children Team (DOE)
ED	Educational Diagnostician
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EDTAC	Elderly and Disabled Transit Advisory Committee
EH	Emotional Handicap
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act (P.L. 42-142)
EHLR	Education of the Handicapped Law in Review (now IDEALR)
EIC	Education Improvement Commission
EI	Early Intervention
EI	Emotionally Impaired
ELP	Essential Lifestyle Plan (DDDS)
EMH	Educable Mentally Handicapped (IQ 50-70)
EMI	Educable Mentally Impaired

EPPC	Educational Planning and Placement Committee
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ESD	Extended School Day
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year (special education program)
FACT	Families and Communities Together
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FBABSP	Functional Behavior Assessment Behavioral Support Plan
FCRB	Foster Care Review Board
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FSP	Family Support Plan
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
G-T	Gifted and Talented (Children with Outstanding Talents now used)
GACEC	Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
GACAAPD	Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities
GCCBAID	Governor's Commission on Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities
GED	General Education Diploma
GSEG	General Supervision and Enhancement Grant
HBCU	Historically Black College or University
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HEU	High End User program
HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HLADE	Hearing Loss Association of Delaware
HMO	Health Management Organization
HO	Hearing Officer
HOUSSE	Highly Objective State Standards for Educators
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ICAP	Inventory for Client and Agency Planning
ICAS	Inclusive Comprehensive Assessment System
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (Infants and Toddlers)
ICCF	Interagency Council for Children and Families (state and county)
ICT	Interagency Collaborative Treatment Team (Unique Alternatives)
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Mental Retardation
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (successor to P.L. 94-142)
IDEALR	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Law Review
IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improve Act of 2004
IED	Intermittent Explosive Disorder
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan
IHCAP	Independent Health Care Appeals Program
IIP	Individual Improvement Plan
ILC	Intensive Learning Center

ILI	Independent Living, Incorporated
IOP	Intensive Outpatient program
IPPSE	Institute for Problem Prevention in Special Education
IPRD	Identification, Placement, Review, Dismissal – process for Special Education classification and determination of eligibility for services, conducted on a Local School District level.
IQ	Intelligence Quotient (test)
IRI	Independent Resources, Incorporated
IRMC	Interagency Resource Management Committee
ISD	Intermediate School District
ISI	Inclusive Schools Initiative
ISIS	Integrated Services Information System
ISP	Individualized Service Plan
IST	Instructional Support Team
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
IVR	Interactive Voice Recognition
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JFC	Joint Finance Committee
LD	Learning Disabled
LCCE	Life Centered Career Education
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LOF	Letter of Finding
LOP	Local Operational Plan
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MA	Mental Age
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress assessment
MBI	Medicaid Buy In
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MDA	Multi-Disciplinary Assessment
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MEANS	Making Employment a New Success for Delawareans
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MH	Mental Handicap
MI	Mental Illness
MiCASSA	Medicaid Community-Based Attendant Services and Supports Act
MIG	Medicaid Infrastructure Grant
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Mental Retardation (now replaced by Cognitive Disability)
MSW	Masters in Social Work
NAMI-DE	National Alliance for Mental Illness-DE Chapter
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NASDTEC	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
NAEP	National Center for Education Statistics
NCSET	National Center on Secondary Education and Transition
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NDCCD	National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with disabilities
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NCLB	No Child Left Behind (federal legislation)
NPA	Nurse Practices Act
OCR	Office of Civil Rights (federal office)
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder
OH	Orthopedically Handicapped
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. Dept. of Education)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (U.S.DOE)
OT	Occupational Therapist/Therapy
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
P&T	Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic
PAC	Parent Advisory Committee (districts)
PABSS	Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
PAAT	Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology
PADD	Protection and Advocacy for persons with Developmental Disabilities
PAIMI	Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
PAIR	Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (program of CLASI)
Part B	P.L. 99-142, section which authorizes assistance for the education of all children with disabilities or FAPE
Part C	P.L. 99-457, section which authorizes Early Intervention Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (formerly Part H)
PAS	Personal Assistant Services
PAS	Play Assessment Scale
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PATBI	Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PC (Personnel Ctr)	National Center for Special Education Personnel & Related Service Providers
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PCCD	Partners Council for Children with Disabilities
PDL	Preferred Drug List
PE	Physical Education
PEEC	Parent Early Education Center
PI	Physically Impaired
PIC	Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc.
PLEP (PLP)	Present Level of Educational Performance (Present Level of Performance)
POHI	Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired
POMS	Programs Operations Manual System (SSA)
PPEC	Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care
PT	Physical Therapist/Therapy
QRMP	Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
RAS	Reporting and Assessment Subgroup
REAL Program/CDS	Recreation Enhancement and Learning Program
RPC	Regional Placement Committee (DDDS)
RS	Related Services
RSI	Residential Services Indicator (DDDS)
RTC	Residential Treatment Center

SAS	Supplement Aids and Services
SE	Special Education
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
SCPD	State Council for Persons with Disabilities
SEA	State Educational Agency
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SEED	Student Excellence Equals Degree scholarship program
SEEDS	Special Education Effectiveness Development System
SEM	Social/Emotionally Maladjusted
SES	Special Education Services
SHHH	Self Help for Hard of Hearing People of Delaware, Inc
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
SIG	State Improvement Grant
SIP	State Improvement Plan for Special Education
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech and Language Impaired
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMH	Severe Mental Handicap (IQ below 35)
SMI	Severely Mentally Impaired
SPARC	Special Education Partnership for the Amicable Resolution of Conflict
Special Ed.	Special Education (sometimes written as “Sped” or “Spec. Ed.”)
SREB	Southern Regional Education Board
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
STEPS	Sequenced Transition to Education in the Public Schools
SXI	Severely Multiply Impaired
TA	Technical Assistance
TAG	The Association for Gifted, or Talented and Gifted Program
TASH	The Association for Severely Handicapped (national group)
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
TEACCH	Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped Children
TMH	Trainable Mentally Handicapped (IQ of 35-50)
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
TQM	Total Quality Management
TTY	Teletype or Teletypewriter
TWIA	Ticket to Work Incentive Act
UBD	Understanding By Design
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
VI	Visually Impaired
Vo-Tech	Vocational-Technical School or Program
VE	Vocational Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
WISC	Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children
YRS	Youth Rehabilitative Services (DSCYF)